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Town of Groton

New Hampshire



For Year Ending December 31

1954

Annual Reports
of the
Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer
Road Agents, School Board and
Other Officials
of the
Town of Groton

for the
Year Ending December 31, 1954

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Town Officers for 1954

Moderator	Agnes A. Lane
Town Clerk	Ileene A. Matthews
Selectmen	Edgar C. McClellan Webster D. Tibbetts Carroll D. Matthews
Road Agent, South End	Lewis J. Albert
Road Agent, North End	Charles H. Tarr
Snow Removal	Ernest E. Matthews
Treasurer	Ileene A. Matthews
Tax Collector	Annie M. Esty
Land Agents	Selectmen
Librarian	Agnes A. Lane
Police	Lewis Albert
Overseer of Poor	Edythe M. Newton
Health Officer	Minnie N. Davis
Auditors	Flora Matthews Zelma Watts
School Board	Flora Matthews Mabel Brown Annie M. Esty
School District Clerk & Treasurer	Ileene Matthews
Trustee of Trust Funds	Martha Tibbetts
Library Trustees	Flora Matthews Ileene Matthews Charles F. Place
Surveyor of Wood, Lumber, Bark & Fence Viewer	Lucien Parris
Janitor	Lewis J. Albert
Constable	Lucien Parris
Fire Warden	Ernest E. Matthews
Deputy Wardens	Floyd Colby Carroll G. Matthews Edgar J. Albert

A Report by Your Selectmen

The year 1954 was a costly one for two reasons; first, the town raised more money than was anticipated in the budget, and secondly was the cost of building the Cheever Road under State Aid Construction. As a result we had a net debt of \$1,235.96 at the end of the year as compared with a surplus of \$8,473.86 at the beginning of 1954.

We borrowed \$5,000.00 on a five year note to be paid off at the rate of \$1,000.00 per year plus interest at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, in accordance with the vote of the Town Meeting of 1952.

Whereas we have been able to keep our tax rate in the neighborhood of \$3.00 per hundred for the past few years by using part of the cash surplus to reduce the rate we can see no way to avoid a substantial increase for the year of 1955. In fact if we appropriate all the amounts which we have been asked to include in our town warrant, our tax rate will be in the neighborhood of \$4.00 per hundred.

As the articles of the warrant are self-explanatory, we have figured the 1955 budget with the possibility that all these appropriations may be raised.

We selectmen are voicing no opinion on the articles in the Town Warrant. We rely upon the judgement of the voters of the Town of Groton.

Respectfully,

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN
WEBSTER D. TIBBETTS
CARROLL D. MATTHEWS

Auditors' Report

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN
WEBSTER D. TIBBETTS
CARROLL D. MATTHEWS

1954 Budget

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

<i>SOURCES OF REVENUE</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1954</i>	<i>Actual Revenue Previous Year 1954</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1955</i>
<i>From State—</i>			
Savings Bank Tax	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.91	\$ 9.91
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	32.60	65.31	32.71
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	850.00	679.86	1,373.88
For Fighting Forest Fires	50.00	11.95	11.95
<i>From Local Sources Except Taxes—</i>			
Dog Licenses	60.00	55.20	55.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees		1.50	1.50
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	60.00	63.02	60.00
<i>Income of Departments:</i>			
Highway, including rental of equip.	400.00	437.40	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	400.00	557.30	500.00
Sale of Town Property		162.50	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds		617.66	
<i>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes—</i>			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	100.00	128.00	100.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Prop. Taxes	\$1,961.60	\$2,789.61	\$ 2,543.45
*Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			18,540.25
Total Revenues			\$21,083.70

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes" deducted from total "Estimated Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes."

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

<i>PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>Appropriations Previous Year 1954</i>	<i>Actual Exp'tures Year 1954</i>	<i>Estimated Exp'tures Year 1955</i>
<i>General Government—</i>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 642.85	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	670.49	700.00
Election & Registration Expenses	200.00	252.82	100.00
Expenses Town Buildings	600.00	565.28	600.00
<i>Protection of Persons and Property—</i>			
Police Department	20.00	32.49	50.00
Fire Department	300.00	24.40	1,300.00
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00
<i>Health—</i>			
Health Dept., including Hospitals	25.00		25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	4.50	5.00
<i>Highways and Bridges—</i>			
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,000.00	2,370.01	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,750.00	1,719.34	1,750.00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	600.00	328.24	600.00
Town Road Aid	198.03	198.03	223.00
<i>Libraries—</i>	200.00	200.00	150.00
<i>Public Welfare—</i>			
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00	784.19	800.00
<i>Recreation—</i>			
Park & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts	300.00	202.19	200.00
<i>Unclassified—</i>			
Damages & Legal Expenses	50.00		100.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	50.00	50.00	50.00
<i>Interest—</i>			
On Long Term Notes & Bonds			125.00

Highways and Bridges—

Town Construction	1,000.00	1,029.33	
State Aid Const.—Town's Share	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

Payment on Principal of Debt—

Long Term Notes			1,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions—

County Taxes	972.85	972.85	972.85
School Taxes	6,221.28	6,221.28	6,682.85
Total Expenditures	\$17,892.16	\$17,268.29	\$21,033.70

Summary Inventory

Lands and Buildings	\$232,490.00
Electric Plants	206,419.00
Horses, 20	920.00
Oxen, 1	40.00
Cows, 34	2,440.00
Sheep and Goats, 7	70.00
Hogs, 35	700.00
Fowl, 2,361	1,830.00
Vehicles	300.00
Boats and Launches	100.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	150.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	130.00
Stock in Trade	1,000.00
Mills and Machinery	4,000.00
Total Valuation	\$450,589.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	9,450.00
Tax Rate is computed on	\$441,139.00
Number of Inventories Distributed	168
Number of Inventories Returned	90
Number of Veterans Receiving Property Exemption	12
Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax	9

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

<i>Title of Appropriation</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Unexpended Balance</i>	<i>Overdraft</i>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 642.85	\$ 357.15	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	670.49		170.49
Election & Registration	200.00	252.82		52.82
Town Hall & Buildings	600.00	565.28	34.72	
Police Department	20.00	32.49		12.49
Fire Department	300.00	24.40	275.60	
Civilian Defense	50.00		50.00	
Health Department	25.00		25.00	
Vital Statistics	5.00	4.50	.50	
State Aid Construction	8,882.34	8,882.34		
Town Road Aid	198.03	198.03		
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,000.00	2,370.01		370.01
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,750.00	1,719.34	30.66	
Tarring College Road	1,000.00	1,029.33		29.33
General Expense of Highway Dept.	600.00	328.24	271.76	

Library	200.00	200.00	
Old Age Assistance	800.00	784.19	15.81
Town Poor	50.00		50.00
Parks & Playgrounds	300.00	202.19	97.81
Damages & Legal Expense	50.00		50.00
Advertising & Regional Assns.	50.00	50.00	
County Tax	972.85	972.85	
School Tax	6,221.28	6,221.28	
Totals	<u>\$25,774.50</u>	<u>\$25,150.63</u>	<u>\$1,259.01</u>
Net Unexpended Balance Over Overdrafts —	\$623.87		\$635.14

Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00
Election & Registration	200.00
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance	600.00
Police Department	20.00
Fire Department	300.00
Civilian Defense	50.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	8,882.34
Town Road Aid	198.03
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,750.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	600.00
Libraries	200.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00
Town Poor	50.00
Parks & Playgrounds	300.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	50.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	50.00
County Tax	972.85
School Tax	6,221.28
New Construction—Tarring College Road	1,000.00
Total Town & School Appropriations	\$25,774.50

Less Estimated Credits:

Savings Bank Tax	9.04
Reimb. a/c State & Federal Lands	35.88
Reimb. a/c Growing Wood & Timber	1,373.88
Motor Vehicle Permits	400.00
Dog Licenses	60.00
Rent of Town Property & Equip.	400.00
Interest on Taxes	60.00
Cash Surplus	5,687.71
Five Year Note, Bristol National Bank	5,000.00

Total Revenue & Credits	13,026.51
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	\$12,747.99
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Plus Overlay	608.18
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$13,356.17
Less 61 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	122.00

Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes (On which tax rate is figured)	\$13,234.17
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Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	13,234.17
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	122.00

Total Taxes to be Committed	\$13,356.17
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Tax Rate — \$3.00

Financial Report

ASSETS

Cash in Hand of Treasurer \$ 5,407.77

Accounts Due to Town—

Due from State:

Bounties 117.00

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1953 476.77

Levy of 1952 278.23

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1954 2,631.27

State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954 115.00

State Head Taxes—Previous Years 3.00

Total Assets \$ 9,029.04

Net Debt 1,235.96

Grand Total \$10,265.00

Net Surplus, December 31, 1953 8,473.86

Net Debt, December 31, 1954 1,235.96

Increase of Debt over Surplus 9,709.82

Debt was created by building Cheever Road under State Aid Construction.

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:

State Head Taxes Uncollected—1954 115.00

Collected—Not Remitted to State Treasurer 150.00

State & Town Joint Highway Accounts:

Unexpended Balance in Town Treasury 5,000.00

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Five Year Note, First National Bank of
Bristol to be paid off at rate of \$1,000.00
per year plus interest at 2½% 5,000.00

Total Liabilities \$10,265.00

Summary of Receipts

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—Current Year	\$10,710.11
Poll Taxes—Current Year @ \$2.00	76.00
Yield Taxes 1954	235.35
State Head Taxes @ \$5.00	245.00

Total Current Year's Taxes Collected	\$11,266.46
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes—Previous Years	1,927.06
Poll Taxes—Previous Years @ \$2.00	52.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years @ \$5.00	135.00
Interest Received on Taxes	63.02
Penalties on State Head Taxes	18.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	339.00

From State:

Plowing Roads	437.40
Savings Bank Tax	9.91
Reimb. a/c State & Federal Forest Lands	65.31
Reimb. a/c Exempt. of Growing Wood & Timber	679.86
Fighting Forest Fires	11.95
Bounties	58.25

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	55.20
Pistol Permits	1.50
Registration of Motor Vehicles—1953 Permits	18.25
Registration of Motor Vehicles—1954 Permits	539.05

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Long Term Notes During Year	5,000.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	617.66
Sale of Town Property	162.50

Total Receipts from All Sources	\$21,457.38
Cash on Hand January 1, 1954	11,343.21

Grand Total	\$32,800.59
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Summary of Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government :

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 642.85
Town Officers' Expenses	670.49
Election & Registration Expenses	252.82
Expenses Town Hall & Other Buildings	565.28

Protection of Persons & Property :

Police Department	32.49
Fire Department including Forest Fires	24.40
Bounties	117.00

Health & Sanitation :

Vital Statistics	4.50
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Highways & Bridges :

Town Road Aid	198.03
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,370.01
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,719.34
General Expense of Highway Department	328.24

Library :

Library Maintenance	200.00
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Public Welfare :

Old Age Assistance	784.19
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Recreation :

Parks & Playgrounds	202.19
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Unclassified :

Advertising & Regional Associations	50.00
Taxes Bought by Town	509.53
Refund of Tax Abated	21.00

Outlay for New Construction :

Highways & Bridges—State Aid Construction	10,165.50
Highways & Bridges—Town Const., College Rd.	1,029.33

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes	311.50
County Tax	972.85
Groton School District	6,221.28
Total Payments for All Purposes	\$27,392.82
Cash on Hand December 31, 1954	5,407.77
Grand Total	\$32,800.59

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, Land & Buildings	\$ 1,700.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Libraries, Land & Buildings	1,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Land & Buildings	1,000.00
Equipment	4,500.00
School, Land & Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Total	\$15,000.00

Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries:

Flora Matthews, Auditor	\$ 23.00
Zelma Watts, Auditor	23.00
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector	151.85
Edgar C. McClellan, Selectman	200.00
Carroll D. Matthews, Selectman	100.00
Lewis J. Albert, Janitor	10.00
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	110.00
Edythe M. Newton, Overseer of Poor	25.00
Total	\$ 642.85

Town Officers' Expenses:

Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues	\$ 3.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Office Supplies	27.52
Edson C. Eastman Co., Dog Tags	4.85
State Tax Commission, Assessment Cards	15.00
John C. Ray, Town Officers' Bonds	45.50
Frederick W. Harrington, Jr., Legal Advice	5.00
U. S. Truck & Auto Guide	7.00
F. J. Shores, Transfers, Searching Mortgages, Postage	34.07
Anna D. Proctor, Notice of Deaths	.20
Enterprise Press, Advertising	1.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association, Dues	3.00
Wheeler & Clark, Selectmen's Stamp	3.78
A. S. Johnson, Typewriter for Selectmen	100.38
Edgar C. McClellan, Selectmen's Expense	55.81
Robert G. Wakefield, Legal Expense	5.00
Sargent Bros., Tax Collector's Supplies	10.90
Burroughs Corp., Repairing Adding Machine	15.95
John C. Ray, Workmen's Compensation	126.91
Annie M. Esty, Tax Collector's Expense	32.90
N. H. Town Clerks' Association, Dues	2.00
Colby Press, Town Reports, Ballots for Town Election	109.00
Ileene Matthews, Town Clerk's Expense & Auto Permit Fees	61.72
Total	\$ 670.49

Election and Registration:

Lillian E. Colby, Supervisor	\$ 49.20
Ernest E. Matthews, Supervisor	53.10
Edythe M. Newton, Supervisor	37.76
Flora Matthews, Ballot Clerk	23.60
Annie M. Esty, Ballot Clerk	24.78
Cynthia White, Ballot Clerk	15.34
Lorena Waldron, Ballot Clerk	15.34
Agnes A. Lane, Moderator	18.40
Enterprise Press, Check Lists & Postage	15.30
Total	\$ 252.82

Miscellaneous:

Barnards, Truck Repair	\$ 274.24
Allison Nevers, Taxes Abated & Refunded	21.00
Flora Matthews, Library Appropriation	200.00
Ileene Matthews, Vital Statistics	4.50
Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce Approp.	50.00
State of N. H., Old Age Assistance	784.19
State of N. H., Head Taxes	311.50
Edgar C. McClellan, Bounties	117.00
Ernest E. Matthews, Fire Department	24.40
John C. Ray, Truck Liability	54.00
State of N. H., Town Road Aid	198.03
Annie M. Esty, Taxes Bought by Town	509.53
Lewis J. Albert, Police	32.49
Lawrence M. Colby, County Tax	972.85
State of N. H., State Aid Construction	10,165.50
Groton School District	6,221.28
Total	\$19,940.51

Spectacle Pond Improvement:

Lewis J. Albert, Labor	\$ 50.74
Orville Matthews, Labor	4.20
Ernest E. Matthews, Jr., Labor	11.80
Ernest E. Matthews, Labor	8.26
Frank E. Matthews, Labor	4.72
Vernon Matthews, Labor	2.36
Edgar C. McClellan, Labor	20.06
Roy Valliere, Bulldozer	45.00
John Wood, Tractor	7.50
Carroll G. Matthews, Gravel	1.25
Edgar C. McClellan, Gas & Oil	8.77
Rand's Hardware, Hardware	15.13
R. S. Yeaton, Lumber	20.40
Roy Woodward, Sand	2.00
Total	\$ 202.19

Town Hall Expenses & Repairs:

Perley D. Matthews, Wood	\$ 10.00
N. H. Electric Cooperative, Electricity	24.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Mowing Yard	10.00
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange,	
Lumber, Linseed Oil, Turpentine	39.54
Chase Grain Mill, Clapboards, Putty, etc.	23.00
Frank E. Wells, Shingles, Nails	21.45
Perley D. Matthews, Paint, Putty & Nails	110.01
Edgar C. McClellan, Gas & Materials	14.99
Perley D. Matthews, Labor	163.43
Ernest E. Matthews, Labor	148.86
Total	\$ 565.23

Report of Tax Collector

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1954

— DR —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$13,234.17
Poll Taxes	122.00
Total Warrant	13,356.17
Yield Taxes	694.02
Added Taxes—	
Property Taxes	9.00
Poll Taxes	6.00
Interest	.09
Total Debits	\$14,065.28

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$10,710.11
Poll Taxes	76.00
Yield Taxes	235.35
Interest	.09
Discount	291.46
Abatements	73.00
Uncollected Taxes—	
Property Taxes	2,172.60
Poll Taxes	42.00
Yield Taxes	458.67
Uncollected Added Taxes—	
Poll Taxes	6.00
Total Credits	\$14,065.28

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1953

— DR —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,751.70
Poll Taxes	50.00
Yield Taxes	175.36
Interest	62.31
Added Tax—	
Poll Tax	2.00

Total Debits \$ 2,041.37

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,751.70
Poll Taxes	50.00
Yield Taxes	175.36
Abatement (Poll Tax)	2.00
Interest	62.31

Total Credits \$ 2,041.37

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1952

— DR —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954:

Property Taxes	\$ 1.65
Poll Tax	2.00

Total Debits \$ 3.65

— CR —

Abatements:

Property Taxes	\$ 1.65
Poll Tax	2.00

Total Credits \$ 3.65

— DR —

Uncollected Taxes of Previous Years:

Property Taxes	\$ 7.34
Poll Taxes	6.00
Interest	.62

Total Debits \$13.96

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Poll Tax	\$ 2.00
Abatements	
Property Taxes	7.34
Poll Taxes	4.00
Interest	.62

Total Credits \$13.96

Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax—Levy of 1954
— DR —

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$365.00
Added Tax	5.00
Penalties	5.00
Total Debits	\$375.00

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$245.00
Penalties	5.00
Abatements	10.00
Uncollected	115.00
Total Credits	\$375.00

Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax—Levy of 1953
— DR —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954	\$130.00
Added Tax	5.00
Penalties	13.00
Total Debits	\$148.00

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer	\$135.00
Penalties	13.00
Total Credits	\$148.00

Summary of Warrant
State Head Tax—Levy of 1952
— DR —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1954	\$3.00
Total Debits	\$3.00

— CR —

Uncollected Taxes	\$3.00
Total Credits	\$3.00

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of
December 31, 1954

— DR —

	Tax Sale on Acct. of Levies of:		
	1953	1952	1951
Taxes Sold to Town			
During Current Year	\$580.39	\$	\$
Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes—Jan. 1, 1954		457.76	253.49
Interest Collected	.27	5.80	26.65
Redemption Costs	.50		.84
Total Debits	\$581.16	\$463.56	\$280.98

— CR —

Remittances to Treasurer	\$ 35.49	\$101.08	\$202.43
Deeds	68.90	84.25	78.55
Unredeemed Taxes	476.77	278.23	
Total Credits	\$581.16	\$463.56	\$280.98

ANNIE M. ESTY

Collector of Taxes

Report of Treasurer

Receipts:

Annie M. Esty, Collector:

1949 Poll Tax	\$ 2.00
Interest	.62
1953 Property Tax	1,426.50
Polls	50.00
Head Tax	135.00
Penalties	13.00
Interest	42.29
Yield Tax	10.76
Interest	.29
1954 Property Tax	10,710.11
Polls	76.00
Yield Tax	235.35
Interest	.09
Head Tax	245.00
Penalties	5.00
Taxes Bought by the Town	489.80
Interest	19.73
Taxes Redeemed—1951 Levy	202.43
Taxes Redeemed—1952 Levy	101.08
Taxes Redeemed—1953 Levy	35.49

State of New Hampshire:

Plowing Roads	437.40
Reimbursement a/c Tax Loss, Forest Lands	65.31
Reimbursement a/c Tax Yield Loss	679.86
Forest Fire Warden's Service	11.95
Bounties	58.25
Savings Bank Tax	9.91

Town Clerk:

Auto Permit Fees	557.30
Dog Tax	55.20

Selectmen:

Post War Project Trust Funds	617.66
Pistol Permits	1.50
Sale of Land	112.50
George Woodward, Plow Lift	25.00
Herbert Hayes, 1/2 Interest Mining Rights, Shores Place	25.00
First National Bank of Bristol, N. H., Loan	5,000.00

\$21,457.38

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1954	11,343.21
Total	<u>\$32,800.59</u>
Payments:	
Selectmen's Orders Paid	27,392.82
Balance	<u>\$ 5,407.77</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Treasurer

Report of Town Clerk

Receipts from Auto Permits:

Auto Permit Fees Collected	\$557.30
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Received from Dog Licenses:

Dog Taxes Collected	\$61.00	
Less Clerk's Fees	5.80	
	<u>55.20</u>	
Paid to the Treasurer		<u>\$612.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

No fires were reported for the year 1954.

Report of Road Agent

Town Construction—Tarring College Road:

L. M. Pike & Son, Hot Patch	\$ 29.38
American Tar Co., Tar	495.65
Tilton Sand & Gravel, Cold Patch	155.34
Edgar C. McClellan, Gas & Oil	18.45
Cavis Bros., Shovel	2.25
Lewis J. Albert, Labor	121.60
Ernest E. Matthews, Labor	12.98
Walter Stevens, Labor	12.98
Walter Stevens, Truck	2.00
Edward Albert, Labor	9.44
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	31.86
Floyd Colby, Jr., Labor	20.06
Ernest E. Matthews, Jr., Labor	4.72
Charles Matthews, Labor	34.22
John Wood, Tractor	40.00
Nathan Morrison, Truck	31.20
Roy Woodward, Sand	7.20
Total	\$1,029.33

North End Roads:

Kenneth Whicher, Planks for Bridge	\$ 45.32
H. B. Biathrow, Graveling & Grading Cheever Rd.	289.00
H. Dewey Chase, Bridge Timbers	13.25
Charles Krahenbull, Gravel	3.00
Edgar C. McClellan, Gas	1.57
Walter Foster, Shovels & Gas	9.97
Carl M. Bolles, Labor	83.97
Charles Cutting, Labor	83.60
Virginia Harriman, Labor	73.16
Lawrence Bowles, Labor	168.44
Bert Tarr, Labor	47.20
Charles H. Tarr, Labor	217.88
Charles H. Tarr, Tractor	182.00
Charles H. Tarr, Bulldozer	231.00
Ernest Carter, Grader	7.30
Total	\$1,456.66

South End Roads:

Lewis Albert, Labor	\$ 362.24
Vernon Matthews, Labor	17.70
Ernest E. Matthews, Jr., Labor	72.57
Roy Valliere, Tractor	107.16
Roy Valliere, Labor	35.40
Charles Matthews, Labor	13.57
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	18.26
John Matthews, Labor	9.44
Edward Dunkerton, Labor	9.44
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	43.71
Edward Albert, Labor	17.52
Ernest Loisel, Labor	9.44
Floyd Colby, Labor	1.77
Perley D. Matthews, Labor	9.44
Perley D. Matthews, Truck	8.00
Edgar Albert, Labor	3.54
Edgar Albert, Power Saw	3.00
Everett Hobart, Labor	28.32
Orville Matthews	18.88
John Wood, Tractor	28.00
John Wood, Truck	8.00
Lucien Parris, Labor	5.45
Edgar C. McClellan, Gas & Oil	46.70
Edgar C. McClellan, Labor	4.72
Edward Dunkerton, Gravel	16.80
Cavis Bros., Shovels	7.20
Edward Butterfield, Labor	7.08
Total	\$ 913.35

Snow Removal:

Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Salt	\$ 50.00
State of N. H., Plowing Cheever Road	10.78
Ernest E. Matthews, Labor	799.78
Ernest E. Matthews, Expense	5.71
Perley D. Matthews, Labor	407.34
Ernest E. Matthews, Jr., Labor	27.68
Edgar C. McClellan, Labor	94.74
Vernon Matthews, Labor	14.16
Charles Matthews, Labor	7.08
Floyd H. Colby, Labor	7.08
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	5.31
Ernest Carter, Plowing River Road	5.00
Roy Valliere, Bulldozer	14.00
Edgar C. McClellan, Gas & Oil	254.28
Roy Woodward, Sand	16.40
Total	\$1,719.34

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954**

NAME OF TRUST FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income Beginning of Year	Income During Yr.	Expended During Yr.	Bal. on Hand at End of Yr.
George W. Hall Fund George W. Hall	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank U. S. Savings Bonds F Series	\$ 26.00	2%	\$ 25.08	\$.77	\$ 3.00	\$48.85
		74.00					
Care of Lot in Union Cemetery							
Cyrus Blood Fund Cyrus Blood	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank U. S. Savings Bonds F Series	13.00	2%	13.73	.39		27.12
		37.00					
Care of Lot in Rolfe Hill Cemetery							
Town of Groton Fund for Post War Project	Dep. Plymouth Savings Bank						
		\$485.27	2%	\$123.27	\$9.12	\$617.66	

MARTHA B. TIBBETTS

Report of Librarian

Books Owned January 1, 1954	2,013
Books Added by Gifts	109
Books Added by Town	5
Books from Bookmobile	200
State Reports	8
New Magazine for Three Years	1

Services:

Volumes of Adult Fiction Lent	285
Volumes of Non Fiction Lent	149
Volumes of Juvenile Fiction Lent	489

Total Circulation	923
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Regular Borrowers	33
New Borrowers	17
School Children	12

Cash Statement:

Amount in Hands of Librarian

Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 2.91	
Gift from Miss Warner	10.00	
Received from Fines	.55	
		\$13.46

Paid Out:

Postage	\$.10	
Paid into Library Treasury	10.00	
		10.10
Amount in Hands of Librarian Jan. 1, 1955		\$ 3.36

Report of Library Treasurer

Receipts:

Cash on Hand January 1, 1954	\$152.23
Selectmen	200.00
Gift, Miss Warner	10.00
Total	\$362.23

Payments:

Apr. 30 Zelma Watts, Salary	\$ 2.00	
July 6 N. H. Electric Coop., Lights	24.00	
Aug. 6 Charlie Matthews, Janitor	7.50	
Sept. 27 Farm Bureau, Insurance	6.51	
Oct. 18 Groliers Society, Inc., Books	15.00	
Dec. 6 Perley Matthews, 5 gal. Paint	23.90	
Dec. 11 Agnes A. Lane, Salary	60.00	
Dec. 27 Charlie Matthews, Janitor	7.50	
Dec. 31 Perley Matthews, Wood	100.00	
Dec. 31 H. H. Windsor, Book	8.00	
Dec. 31 Flora Matthews, Repairs	2.50	
Check Book	2.00	
Total	\$168.91	
Cash on Hand End of Year	193.32	
	\$362.23	

OFFICIAL REPORTS

**School District
of Groton**

Year Ending June 30, 1954

Annual Report of School District of Groton

School Directory

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane Moderator
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews Treasurer
Mrs. Ileene A. Matthews Clerk
Mrs. Zelma Watts Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Flora Matthews Term Expires 1955
Miss Mabel Brown Term Expires 1956
Mrs. Annie Esty Term Expires 1957

Teacher

Mrs. Ida Sirrine

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.

Financial Report of School Treasurer

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

Summary:

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1953		\$1,801.73
Received from Selectmen, Approp.	4,686.38	
Received from All Other Sources	509.68	
Total Receipts		5,196.06
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		\$6,997.79
Less School Board Orders Paid		6,052.61
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1954		\$ 945.18

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the school district of Groton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and find them correct in all respects.

ZELMA WATTS

Auditor

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

Flora Matthews, School Board	\$ 30.00
Mabel Brown, School Board	30.00
Annie Esty, School Board & Census	35.00
Zelma Watts, Auditor	4.00
Ileene Matthews, Clerk & Treasurer	30.00
	\$ 129.00

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union #4	143.64
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Per Capita Tax:

State Treasurer	36.00
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Expenses of Administration:

Perley Matthews, Trucking Books	2.50
Floyd Colby, Moving Books & Desks	2.50
Norris Smith, Moving Books & Desks	2.50
First National Bank, Service Charge	.30
John R. French, Survey & Map	10.00
The Enterprise Press, Printing & Notices	8.50
The Record Print, Notices	7.65
Superivsory Union #4	
Clerk's Salary, Office Expense	67.64
William Maynard, Legal Expense	11.00
Annie Esty, Expenses	8.89
Mabel Brown, Expenses	7.67
Flora Matthews, Expenses	38.85
N. H. School Boards Association, Dues	6.00
Flora Braley, Transportation to Canaan	3.00
Ileene Matthews, Expenses	.21
Edgar McClellan, School Trip Expense	7.61
	184.82

Teacher's Salary:

Ida Sirrine	1,650.00
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	178.80
Director of Internal Revenue	171.20
	2,000.00

Textbooks:

Ira Zer Allen	4.10
Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.	4.95
American Book Co.	2.60
Row, Peterson & Co.	3.84
The Macmillan Co.	4.70
The Continental Press	2.62
Charles E. Merrill Co.	3.79

26.60

Scholars' Supplies:

J. L. Hammett Co.	37.62
Milton Bradley Co.	8.96
Beckley Cardy Co.	1.82
Scott, Foresman & Co.	1.56
American Education Publications	6.00
Supervisory Union #4	3.86
White River Paper Co.	7.95

67.77

Janitor Service:

Ida Sirrine	25.00
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Fuel:

Charles A. Carr Co.	143.68
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Water, Light & Janitor Supplies:

N. H. Electric Coop.	31.10
Ida Sirrine, Glass	.40

31.50

Minor Repairs & Expenses:

Cynthia White, Cleaning	12.00
Perley Matthews, Labor	22.50
Carroll Matthews, Labor	8.75
Floyd Colby, Labor	8.00
Ernest Matthews, Labor	8.75
Cavis Bros., Paint	4.35
Greenwood Plumbing Co., Work on Oil Burner	18.38
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Rockwool	50.26

132.99

Medical Inspection:

Anna Lovett, R. N.	60.00
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	5.60

65.60

Transportation of Pupils:

Carroll Matthews	875.00
Rene Latulippe	165.83

1,040.83

High School Tuition:

Plymouth School District	1,648.88
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Elementary School Tuition:

Dorchester School District	114.00
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Other Special Activities:

Joe Morrill, Auctioneer	15.00
The Record Print, Graduation Programs	3.50
Granville F. Wheeler, Flowers	7.85
Flora Matthews, 2 Trips to Plymouth	6.00

32.35

Retirement:

N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	140.49
Supervisory Union #4	6.46

146.95

Insurance & Other Fixed Charges:

John C. Ray	83.00
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Total Payments	\$6,052.61
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School Board's Report

Receipts:

From Selectmen, Appropriation	\$4,686.38
From Sale of School House	465.00
From All Other Sources	44.68
Total Receipts	\$5,196.06
Cash on Hand as of June 30, 1953	1,801.73
Grand Total	\$6,997.79

Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

FLORA MATTHEWS

MABEL BROWN

ANNIE ESTY

School Board

General Statistics

Enrollment by Grades

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1953-54	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	0	13
1954-55									
Dec. 24	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	11

District Totals

	Av. Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
1953-54	9.74	.6	10.3	94.6
1954-55				
Dec. 24	10.66	.34	11.0	96.9

Tuition Pupils

Plymouth High School—Rate \$290.00

Floyd Colby, Jr.	Grade 12
Robert C. Tibbetts	Grade 12
Margaret Latulippe	Grade 10
Josephine White	Grade 10

Dorchester Elementary School—Rate \$150.00

Norman Waldron	Grade 7
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School Calendar

1955 - 1956

Open

Sept. 7 (Wed.)
 Jan. 3 (Tues.)
 Feb. 27
 April 30

Close

Dec. 21 (Wed. 12:30)
 Feb. 17
 April 20
 June 13 (Wed.)

Days Out: Nov. 24, 25; May 30 (Wed.), 1 day for Plymouth Fair. Close 12:30 Nov. 23, Dec. 21.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180, including 3 for institutes and conventions and up to 5 for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if they are six by Sept. 30 and may enter if they are six by Jan. 1.

Vaccination is required by State law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

Superintendent's Report

We quite often see articles in newspapers and magazines written by nationally syndicated columnists "panning" education and "telling" educators what ought to be done. Simply because one becomes an authority in the field of politics, foreign affairs, farm subsidies, or even football, does not qualify one as an expert in all things. The expert on what can be done in an upgraded rural school is to be found in an upgraded rural school; the expert on what can be done in a small high school is to be found in the small high school. These columnist experts are unacquainted with the "educational facts of life" and will remain so until such time as they actually spend a year, more or less, in an actual situation teaching the pupils themselves. Of course **they can not afford** to do this and a quick, superficial survey plus a few interviews and a posed picture or two must be the basis of material for an expression of opinion. Unfortunate it is that their opinions are so widely read, and believed. Now all of us in the educational field can improve our work and have the potential of always doing a better job. Much remains to be discovered and learned in the field of human conduct, but for a college president or a noted columnist to write that **all** pupils in high school should have a couple of years of Latin, or three years of college preparatory mathematics is too absurd to merit additional space. Our pupils must be taught to read current publications with the proverbial grain of salt. Freedom of the press is not license, and carries on its shoulders the greatest of responsibilities.

Once again we enter a legislative year with political leaders of both parties pledged to no new sources of tax revenue which simply means that the local property tax will continue to bear the major part of increased costs of educating our children. Even granting the possibility of a stable economy, costs of education will increase where: 1) There are significant increases in the school population; 2) There is need of extensive remodeling or new buildings; 3) Where new educational offerings become necessary; 4) Where there is competition for teachers. There is an old, and elementary, law to be found in any high school text book that where there is a limited supply and an increasing demand for a commodity the price will increase. Numerically there will be a shortage of teachers for many years ahead; qualitatively speaking there is always a shortage. Teachers have the benefit now of being in the driver's seat of a "selling market." Until such time as state aid becomes available in sufficient quantity to absorb these increasing costs the local property

owner will pay the bill. Only when this condition has been met will state aid, in still larger quantities, be of any great value in lessening the burden on the property owner. If you, as a property owner, are willing to absorb these costs there is, and will be, no need of new taxes; if you really want tax relief new sources of revenue are necessary, in the opinion of the writer. To say that it doesn't make any difference because the consumer pays the bill anyway is to overlook the fact that different people consume different things, and all consumers in the State of New Hampshire do not live here "the year round" nor do they all own property! There are several towns in this union which could well use several times the aid now being received. Other towns can not have modern buildings until special building aid is allocated from a higher level either state or federal. What do you want for your children? Are you willing to "pay the freight" on present tax bases? These are the vital questions. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. Legislators have sensitive ears!

As voted at the last school district meeting, an artesian well has been drilled at a cost of \$1035. The balance of the \$1500 has been used to get the pump and tank installed and water to the sink. It will be necessary to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$600 to complete the plumbing necessary for flush toilets, to make a drain field and to get enough heat into toilets to prevent freezing. We were fortunate in securing a low price of \$5.75 per foot for the well due in part to the fact that Alexandria needed a well too. We were less fortunate in that a depth of 180 feet was necessary to secure enough water; this in turn required a sizeable motor and pump. We are fortunate in Groton in that no major building changes are necessary as has been true in several other schools, making a savings of about \$2800 or more. When completed the Groton School will be a very satisfactory building for its type. At some future time it would be desirable to improve the artificial lighting, probably by adding more of the same type of fixtures. The ceiling has also been insulated and the building painted for the most part with completion promised in the spring. A well-kept building is a good advertisement for any town. Relatively small amounts regularly spent over a period of years should keep this building in fine condition.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY

Supervisory Union #4 Budget

N. H. Laws Chapter 135, paragraph 43. "The school boards of the several districts forming a supervisory union shall meet between April first and June first in each year at a time and place fixed by the chairmen of the several boards, and organize by choosing a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall, when necessary, nominate a superintendent or superintendents, fix the salary or salaries, and apportion the same among the several districts and certify the apportionment to their respective treasurers and to the state board of education."

Chapter 135, paragraph 47. "At a meeting held before January first of each year the supervisory union board shall adopt a budget required for the expenses of the supervisory union for the next fiscal year, which budget may include the salary and expenses of supervisors of health, physical education, music, art and guidance, and any other employees, and expenses necessary for the operation of the supervisory union. . . . The basis for apportionment shall be one-half on the average membership of the previous school year and one-half on the last adjusted (Ch. 157, 1951) valuation of the district."

The chart of expenses is based on action taken by the union.

SUPERVISORY UNION #4 BUDGET — 1953-54

District	<i>Pd. to State \$2 Per Cap. Tax</i>	<i>Supt's Travel</i>	<i>*Supt's Salary Expense</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Conv. Fund</i>	<i>Supt's Secretary</i>	<i>Nurse's Salary</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Alexandria	138.00	191.42	58.90	22.09	5.89	103.08	119.10	500.48
Bridgewater	86.00	215.80	66.40	24.90	6.64	116.20	122.60	552.54
Bristol	510.00	1,198.92	368.90	138.34	36.89	645.58	798.52	3,187.15
Canaan	618.00	897.98	276.30	103.61	27.63	483.52	634.02	2,423.06
Danbury	224.00	247.64	76.20	28.58	7.62	133.35	170.77	664.16
Grafton	168.00	227.82	70.10	26.29	7.01	122.67	148.88	602.77
Groton	36.00	98.80	30.40	11.40	3.04	53.20	196.84	359.31
Hebron	30.00	141.06	43.40	16.27	4.34	75.95	78.29	359.31
Orange	50.00	30.36	9.40	3.52	.94	16.45	14.96	75.83
Totals	1,860.00	3,250.00	1,000.00	375.00	100.00	1,750.00	2,087.14	8,562.14

Received
from State 2,750.00 2,750.00

*The State increased its share from \$2275 to \$2750 making refunds totalling \$475 to the districts on supt's salary. Hence these figures, which are net, will not reconcile with detailed statements representing gross payments.

Comparative School Budgets

ITEM			<i>Estimated</i>	
	<i>Expend.</i> 1953-54	<i>Budget</i> 1954-55	<i>Expend.</i> 1954-55	<i>Budget</i> 1955-56
<i>Administration—</i>				
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 129.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
Superintendent's Salary	113.24	109.14	109.14	105.85
Tax for State-wide Supervision	36.00	34.00	34.00	42.00
Salaries for Admin. Personnel	53.20	52.32	52.32	58.00
Supplies & Expenses	162.02	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Instruction—</i>				
Teacher's Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Books & Other Aids	26.60	40.00	40.00	40.00
Scholars' Supplies	67.77	35.00	35.00	35.00
Supplies & Other Expenses		10.00	10.00	10.00
<i>Operation of School Plant—</i>				
Salary of Janitor	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fuel or Heat	149.18	200.00	200.00	200.00
Water, Light, Supplies & Exp.	31.50	70.00	70.00	50.00
<i>Maintenance of School Plant—</i>				
Repairs & Replacements	127.49	250.00	300.00	150.00
<i>Auxiliary Activities—</i>				
Health Supervision	65.60	65.00	65.00	65.00
Transportation of Pupils	1,040.83	875.00	875.00	875.00
Tuition, High School	1,648.88	1,160.00	1,180.00	1,200.00
Tuition, Elementary	114.00	114.00	400.00	500.00
Spec. Activities & Spec. Funds	32.35	35.00	35.00	35.00
<i>Fixed Charges—</i>				
Retirement	146.95	152.00	152.00	152.00
Ins., Treas. Bonds & Exp.	83.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
CONTINGENCY FUND		200.00		300.00
<i>Capital Outlay—</i>				
Additions & Improvements		1,500.00	1,550.00	600.00
Total Expenditures	\$6,052.61	\$7,166.46	\$7,372.46	\$6,682.85

VITAL STATISTICS

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES

In Bristol, N. H., April 25, 1954, by the Rev. Ethel Lee Matthews, James Joseph Albert of Groton, N. H., son of Edward P. and Eliza Hache Albert of Groton, N. H. and Natalie June Bliss of Bristol, N. H., daughter of Leslie P. and Eva Evans Bliss of Bristol, N. H.

In Hebron, N. H., July 21, 1954, by the Rev. Walter P. Brockway, John Wesley Ewens of Bristol, N. H., son of Henry and Margaret Huges Ewens, and June Beverly White of Groton, N. H., daughter of Mrs. Cynthia White of Groton, N. H.

In Plymouth, N. H., November 20, 1954, by the Rev. Hubert F. Mann, Andre Fred Chabot of Rumney, N. H., son of Fred and Eloise Bellanger Chabot of Rumney, N. H., and Theresa Blanche Latulippe, daughter of Rene and Adrienne Veilleux Latulippe of Groton, N. H.

In Hebron, N. H., December 17, 1954, by the Rev. Walter P. Brockway, Vernon Malcolm Matthews of Groton, N. H., son of Frank E. and Lena Hobart Matthews of Groton, N. H., and Joan Miriam Hopkins of Plymouth, N. H., daughter of Mrs. Arlene Bean of Plymouth, N. H.

BIRTHS

In Franklin, N. H., May 6, 1954, to Carroll D. and Verna M. Matthews, a son, Alan Denis.

In Plymouth, N. H., June 14, 1954, to Philander A. and Ida E. White, a son, Daniel Carl.

In Plymouth, N. H., July 17, 1954, to Lucien J. and Lillian M. Parris, a daughter, Susan Faye.

DEATHS

In Plymouth, N. H., January 16, 1954, Violet G. Parris of Groton, N. H., aged 47 years.

In Groton, N. H., January 26, 1954, Victor Carrier of Groton, N. H., aged 67 years.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Town Clerk

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To Groton School Board:

I herewith submit my final report as School Nurse for the year 1953-54.

Number of pupils inspected	13
Dental defects	6
Tonsils	2
Hearing	1

The vision was tested with the Massachusetts eye testing equipment.

The hearing tests were given with the Maico Audiometer.

Two children had tonsillectomies and two had vision corrections.

Several had dental work done.

The attendance this year was very good with no communicable disease epidemics occurring. Only three cases of chicken pox were reported.

I welcome this opportunity to thank the Superintendent, Mr. Gray, the School Board, the teacher, Mrs. Sirrine, parents and children for their interest and help in the School Health Program during the twenty-three years that I have been your School Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. LOVETT, R. N.

State of New Hampshire

TOWN OF GROTON

Town Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the eighth day of March at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount for prompt payment of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
5. To see if the Town will vote to increase Town Officers salaries, or take any action thereon.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the maintenance, repair and improvement of Town buildings, or take any action thereon.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town, in co-operation with other Towns in the Newfound Region.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to maintain the recreation area and beach at Spectacle Pond.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the improvement of the grounds of the Hebron-Groton Athletic Association.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of fire apparatus or take any action thereon.
11. To see if the Town will vote to organize a volunteer fire department, or take any action thereon.
12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to defray the Town's share of the cost thereof.
13. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the Town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.
14. To see if the Town will vote to call regular Town meetings at any other time than has been the past custom or to authorize the Selectmen to call any meeting at an hour which in their judgement would be most convenient for the voters of the Town. This article if accepted to be effective until such date as other action may be taken.
15. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the offices of North End Road Agent, South End Road Agent, and Snow Removal Agent and create one office to be called Highway Surveyor—the holder of this office to be given supervision of both summer and winter maintenance of the entire Town.
16. To see if the Town will vote to cause the office of Highway Surveyor to appear on the ballot at the next annual meeting and to omit the offices of North End Road Agent, South End Road Agent and Snow Removal Agent from said ballot.
17. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary for the office of Highway Surveyor.
18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to regulate the hours, payrolls and any other matters that may arise concerning the administration of the office of Highway Surveyor.
19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 and to issue serial notes or bonds in this amount for the purpose of

tarring the River Road in conjunction with the State TRA plan; the principal of this loan to be paid off in two years by using TRA money as appropriated by the Town and State.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$223.00 for Town Road Aid, the State to contribute \$1,486.69.
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used for constructing, reconstructing, and surfacing the Cheever Road.
22. To see if the Town will vote to confirm the Selectmen's action in obtaining Workmen's Compensation for Town employees and for insuring the Town House against fire.
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money sufficient for the remaining items of the budget.
24. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS

WEBSTER D. TIBBETTS

Selectmen of Groton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EDGAR C. McCLELLAN

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Selectmen of Groton

School District Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF GROTON

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Groton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 8th day of March 1955, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$350.00 the same to be made immediately available.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Groton this 8th day of February 1955.

FLORA MATTHEWS
MABEL E. BROWN
ANNIE M. ESTY

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FLORA MATTHEWS
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